



QCWA HOT-LINE REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

Gosh, all I have to do for this HLR is to read correspondence and that develops some good topics for each issue. The most current topics involve membership.

Recently it came to my attention that there are some secretaries out there who feel we do not advise Chapters of new members. While it is true that we do not advise particular Chapters of new members, we do make the material available in two ways for their use. First, every quarter the QCWA Journal lists all of the new members, their calls, addresses and those who recommended them since the last time the QCWA Journal was produced. This is quite a listing in each publication of the QCWA Journal. Secondly, I list as a file on the BBS each month all of the new members for that month. All the secretary has to do is check into the 3BS, down-load the new member file and then at their leisure search it for potential members in their area.

Thusly, we do make available to Chapters listings of new members and as quickly as possible. It is impossible for us to pick specific Chapters that a new member might join.

TAPING FOR THE BLIND

One important program for QCWA is the taping for the sight-impaired. Currently there are about 65 people taking part in the program and the cost to QCWA is negligible. One of our problems is getting the word out to these people so they can participate.

Do you have an acquaintance that is sight-impaired that belongs to QCWA? Have you told them about this program? Let us know and we can quickly add them to the list. The chairperson for this program is:

Blanche Randles, W4GXZ
HCR 31 Box 591
Stoddard NH 03464

or, send a note to Headquarters and we will see that their name is put on the list.

CHAPTER IDEAS

One of our most interesting and valuable projects is the Memorial Scholarship Fund. We have granted scholarships to some of the most talented and nice young individuals you could ever hope to meet. Giving them a helping hand along the way on their education is a worthwhile project.

The scholarships are funded from the interest developed on a reserve account for this project. The fund is over \$100,000 at the moment, but with interest rates being quite low, the committee really has to plan quite carefully to determine the number of scholarships each year.

Many Chapters have taken to honoring the memory of their silent keys each year with an annual grant to the fund. I think this is one of the nicest things a Chapter can do. After all, those that have gone before us established a heritage for us to continue and to pass on to the next generation.

While I am talking about scholarships, the address to write to for material is:

FAR Scholarships
6903 Rhode Island Ave
College Park MD 20740

BY-LAWS CHANGES

At the recent Board meeting a complete review of the By-laws had been made and the Board members spent quite a bit of time reviewing those changes and giving their approval.

The next issue of the QCWA Journal will contain an abbreviated printing of the minutes of that meeting. The changes will then become effective October 1, 1993. If you wish a letter to the secretary will produce a full copy of the minutes of the meeting.



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

At the October Board Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, the Board approved the Nominating Committee selected by the President. This committee will be selecting the entire slate... all four officers and ten directors... to take office in 1994.

Members of the Nominating Committee are:

Bill Thompson, W2MTA (Chairman)
5460 Rock Road
Newark Valley NY 13811

Leland Smith, Jr, W4YE
5441 Summit St
Centerville VA 22020

Herb Glead, W6FQ
2206 West Blvd
Los Angeles CA 90016

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14487 Washington Blvd
University Heights OH 44118

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9731 Sagamore Rd
Leawood KS 66206

If you are personally interested in serving QCWA as an officer or director and wish to become a candidate on the 1994 slate, please contact the committee. If you know of someone who has the desire, and is qualified to be a candidate, please contact the committee. The Nominating Committee's goal is to have at least two qualified candidates for each office before their deadline closes on July 31, 1993.

At this time they have need for a few more candidates and are looking for someone who would like to try the Secretary position. Please give back to amateur radio that which you have received.

Jim Walsh, W7LVN

DUES CHANGES

At the Spring Board meeting it was decided, and this will be reported in full in the Journal, that the three year dues will be raised to \$35.00 effective October 1, 1993.

At the same time we will also change the price of the QCWA pins which have the years you have been licensed printed on them. They are now \$10.00 and will go to \$15.00.

The status of International membership was well defined by a change in the By-laws and subsequently the Board canvassed the Directors and approved a new dues structure for International members. The 3 year membership fee for International members will be \$25.00 with a 3 year family membership being \$12.00. The Life Membership for International Members will be \$60.00 with a Family Life being \$40.00. The International dues do not contemplate any publications. These will be ordered and charged separately at a price determined at the time of the order. Currently it is about \$60.00 for three years.

All of these amounts are in U.S. Funds.

NEW CHAPTERS

Since the last issue of the HLR we have two new Chapters formed as follows:

#186 Mesilla Valley, New Mexico.

Chartered 2/18/93

#187 Golden Isles, Georgia.

Chartered 2/21/93

At the present time correspondence is going on for a possible three more Chapters across the country.



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DIRECTORY

The Board approved the compilation of a new QCWA Membership Directory this year. The membership list will be closed as of June 30, 1993 and all those who are current members at that time will be included in the Directory.

The Directory will include, among other items, a current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Under the membership listing we are adding one more item of information and that is the listed Chapter number for each member. This has been requested by a large number of the membership. Thusly, we will have the Call, Name, Membership Number, Date First Licensed and Chapter Number on the first line of the listing.

Actually we are one year behind in this production because of the move of the Headquarters operation. Following this publication we should be able to get back on the schedule of every three years.

The production schedule is as follows:

Close the membership list on June 30, 1993.

Start the in-house printing of the pages. This should be done by middle of July.

Material to printer by middle of July.

Directories ready to mail by later part of August, 1993.

The format will be similar to past Directories which have been well received by the membership. There will be no listing of Silent Keys in this issue. If there is a demand for such a printing we will have to consider it as a separate item, for a fee. Mailing costs are such that we have to keep the weight at a minimum.

SUNDAY SSB NET

(another call for help)

The Sunday SSB net which meets at 2000 Z every Sunday needs some help with net control positions.

Several time slots are being handled by persons who are on the Board of Directors. The result is that every time there is a Board meeting or a ham convention they are not available. We are now coming into the season of many ham conventions and some Board meetings.

More people are needed to help with the net control positions.

The job takes maybe two hours of your time on a Sunday at 2000Z. If there are a few more persons available, your turn at the job would be perhaps every fifth Sunday or the like.

Requirements are not too stringent but in conversation with those now acting as net control you should be in such a geographical position that you can hear, and work, both coast areas. You should also have an amplifier and a good beam to cover the areas properly.

Do you have those qualifications? Send a note to Headquarters so that we can collect and submit the names to those handling the net operations. Try it, you will like it.

The current group of net controls have developed a few pieces of material to help with calling the net to order, an abbreviated list of people who regularly check into the net, a numbered list to record calls and copies of the preamble to use for the net.

See you on 14,347 next Sunday at 2000 Z.

There are a number of good signals heard every Sunday and some of you should be able to devote one Sunday afternoon a month, or so, to the net control position. Please let us know when you can help.

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